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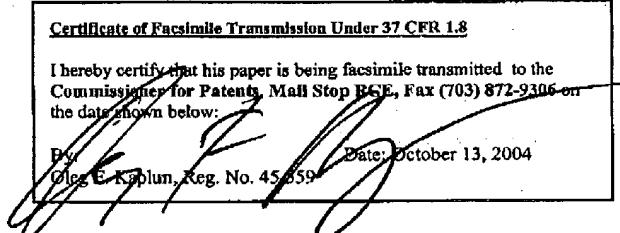
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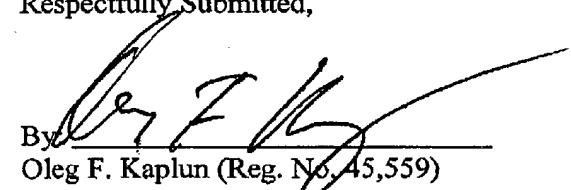
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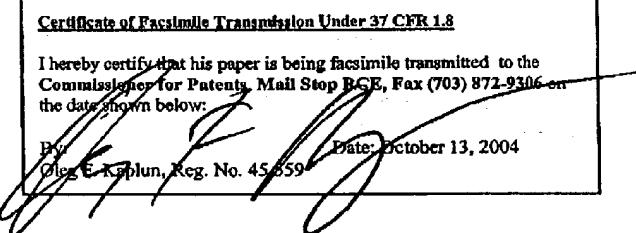
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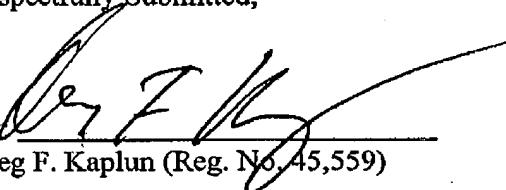
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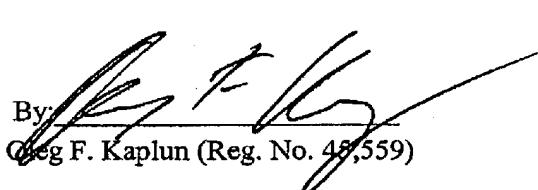
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider the Amendment filed herewith.

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AMENDMENT FOR RCE APPLICATION

Prior to examining the submitted RCE application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-37 (Cancelled).

38. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:
receiving a transaction record including an electronically captured signature, the transaction record corresponding to a user;
storing the transaction record in a transaction database, the transaction database including a plurality of transaction records; and
providing remote access by the user to the transaction record in the transaction database, wherein the transaction database restricts access by the user to the transaction records corresponding to the user.

39. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
allowing the user to search the transaction database for the transaction records.

40. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
providing an image of the transaction record to the user.

41. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
forwarding a copy of the transaction record to a merchant involved in the transaction.

42. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
providing remote access to a merchant to the transaction database.

43. (New) A method according to claim 42, wherein the transaction database restricts access by the merchant to transaction records corresponding to the merchant.

44. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
providing remote access by a plurality of users to the transaction database,
wherein the access by each user is restricted by the transaction database to a corresponding role
defined for each user.

45. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein the role is one of a guest, a manager and
an administrator.

46. (New) A method according to claim 45, wherein the role of the guest includes access to
the transaction database that is restricted to viewing the transaction records relevant only to the
user.

47. (New) A method according to claim 45, wherein the role of the manager includes access
to the transaction database that is restricted to viewing the transaction records relevant to the
plurality of users, including the guest.

48. (New) A method according to claim 45, wherein the role of the administrator includes
access to the transaction database that is restricted to manipulating a structure of the transaction
database, including overseeing an activity of the manager.

49. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
sending the transaction record via electronic mail to the user based on a request
made by the user, wherein the request is made after the providing step.

50. (New) A method according to claim 38, further comprising the step of:
compiling the transaction records relevant to the user into a bill, wherein the bill is
a summary of the transaction records.

51. (New) A system comprising:

a point-of-sale terminal that generates a transaction record according to a transaction with a user; and

a transaction database that receives and stores the transaction record from the point-of-sale terminal over a network, wherein the transaction database restricts access by the user to the transaction records corresponding to the user.

52. (New) A system according to claim 51, wherein the point-of-sale terminal is one of an electronic signature capture device, a card reader, a check reader, a scanner, a printer and a biometric reader.

53. (New) A system according to claim 51, wherein the transaction record includes at least one of a price, a product, a service, a payment method and an electronically-captured signature.

54. (New) A system according to claim 51, wherein the transaction database stores a plurality of transaction records associated with a plurality of users.

55. (New) A system according to claim 51, wherein the transaction database allows the user to search the transaction records relevant to the user.

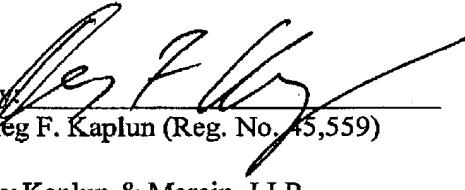
56. (New) A system according to claim 51, wherein the transaction database transmits information to the point-of-sale terminal for display at the point-of-sale terminal.

57. (New) A system according to claim 56, wherein the information is one of a coupon, a discount, the transaction record, a product recommendation and a survey.

CONCLUSION

In view of the new claims submitted above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present case is in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and a favorable action on the merits is thus earnestly requested.

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